

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT  
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS  
TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Public Notice No.: WA-000021-3; WA-000190-2; WA-000050-1; WA-000191-1;  
WA-000022-1; WA-000188-1; WA-000019-1; WA-000107-2;  
WA-000259-3; WA-000020-5; WA-002489-9

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1. Applicants

The following have applied for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits to discharge pollutants to navigable waters pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500, October 18, 1972), hereinafter referred to as FWPCA.

Applicants are:

1. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of the Interior  
P. O. Box 3737  
Portland, Oregon 97208

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Receiving Water</u>
WA-000021-3	Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery, Cook	Columbia River
WA-000190-2	Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, Leavenworth	Columbia River
WA-000050-1	Abernathy Salmon Cultural Laboratory, Longview	Columbia River

WA-000191-1	Quinault National Fish Hatchery, Quinault	Pacific Ocean
WA-000022-1	Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery, Underwood	Columbia River
WA-000188-1	Entiat National Fish Hatchery, Entiat	Columbia River
WA-000019-1	Willard National Fish Hatchery, Cook	Columbia River
WA-000107-2	Quilcene National Fish Hatchery, Quilcene	Hood Canal
WA-000259-3	Winthrop National Fish Hatchery, Winthrop	Columbia River
WA-000020-5	Carson National Fish Hatchery, Carson	Columbia River

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates fish hatcheries and/or farms (S.I.C. 0921) at the above locations. In general, operation of these facilities result into three types of discharges. The discharges are from (1) the adult ladder and holding ponds, (2) the egg hatching facilities, and (3) the rearing ponds or raceways. Generally, water used at these hatcheries is discharged after being used only one time, however, two of the hatcheries recycle some of their water after passing it through a re-conditioning unit. The receiving waters named Columbia River are classified as Class A, and the Pacific Ocean and Hood Canal as Class AA according to the State's federally approved water quality standards. Fact sheets are available.

2. National Marine Fisheries Service  
Northwest Fisheries Center  
2725 Montlake Blvd. East  
Seattle, Washington 98112

Application No. WA-002489-9

The National Marine Fisheries Service operates a research facility (S.I.C. 0989) on Portage Bay (part of Lake Union) in Seattle, Washington, for the propagation of salmonoid fish. Domestic wastewater and the wastewater flows from the fish hatchery are collected and discharged. The domestic waste effluents are connected directly to the Seattle METRO sewer system. The flow from the fish rearing tanks and hatchery can either be

discharged to Portage Bay or to METRO. Generally the fish waste streams are discharged into Portage Bay without any treatment. These waters are classified as Class AA according to the State's federally approved water quality standards. A fact sheet is not available.

## 2. Tentative Determinations

The Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has tentatively determined to issue a discharge permit to the above listed applicants subject to certain effluent limitations which may require the installation of treatment facilities, schedules of compliance, and other conditions necessary to carry out the provisions of the FWPCA. These proposed limitations, schedules, and conditions are tentative.

## 3. Public Comment

Persons wishing to comment on the tentative determinations contained in these proposed permits or wishing to request that a hearing be held may do so within 30 days of the date of this public notice. All written comments received within this 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding these applications. All responses should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement to inform the Regional Administrator of the exact basis of any comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based. Any person may request a hearing on the draft permit. An informal public hearing to discuss the permit terms and conditions shall be held if the Regional Administrator considers the public response significant.

## 4. Final Determinations and Adjudicatory Hearing

At least 30 days following the issuance of this notice, the Regional Administrator will make final determinations with respect to these permits. The tentative determinations contained in the draft permit will become the final determinations if no substantial changes are made in them. If the tentative determinations are changed substantially, a public notice of determinations will be issued indicating what changes have been made.

An adjudicatory hearing may be requested within ten (10) days of the receipt of the final determinations. Such request will be granted only if it meets all the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 125.36(b)(2). A copy of 40 C.F.R. 125.36(b) is attached.

## 5. Fact Sheets

Fact sheets have been prepared which describe the existing discharge and the tentative effluent limitations and other conditions related to

the issuance of a permit to those applicants shown above who are currently discharging more than 500,000 gallons of waste water per day. For other applicants, draft permits and applications are available. Copies of fact sheets, draft permits, and other information may be requested by writing to the EPA at the above address to the attention of M/S 521, or by calling (206) 442-1213. Forms and related documents are on file and may be inspected and copies made in Room 11D, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, at any time between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. A copying machine is available in the Seattle office of the EPA for public use at a charge of 20 cents per copy sheet.

6. Issuance of Permit

The permit will become effective and be deemed issued 30 days after the final determinations are made, unless a request for adjudicatory hearing is submitted within 10 days of receipt of the final determinations. If the request is granted, any contested permit provisions (or uncontested provisions inseparable from contested provisions) will be ineffective until a resolution of the issues raised by the request. The permittee, however, will be subject to any uncontested permit provisions.

Please bring this information to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.